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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, PN

SUBJECT: FDA REJECTION OF PANAMA SHRIMP IMPORTS TO U.S.

REF: STATE 184846

1. LOCAL SHRIMP PACKING PLANT MANAGER TOLD ECOMOFF THAT HE VISITED FDA OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK AND WAS TOLD REASON FOR REJECTION WAS DECOMPOSITION OF SHRIMP. MANAGER SAID HE DIS-AGREED WITH CHARGE BUT PREFERRED TO TRY AND IMPROVE STANDARDS LOCALLY BEFORE ASKING EMBASSY TO INQUIRE FURTHER. MANAGER CLAIMED FDA INSPECTION METHOD OF SMELLING OF SHRIMP TO DETECT DECOMPOSITION IS OF DOUBTFUL RELIABILITY AND THAT US DOMESTIC PRODUCERS ARE INSPECTED AT THEIR PACKING PLANTS UNDER DIFFER-ING PROCEDURES BY A DIFFERENT AGENCY. HE ADDED THAT JAPAN'S SUSPENSION OF PURCHASES IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET HAD CAUSED LARGE AMOUNTS OF SHRIMP TO BE DIVERTED TO THE U.S., BUILDING UP INVENTORIES WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR INSPECTION DELAY. SHRIMP PACKERS ARE NOT WILLING TO FURNISH NAMES OF INDIVIDUAL SHIPPERS AND DATES OF REJECTION FOR FEAR OF ANTAGONIZING FDA, WHICH THEY REGARD AS AN "ARBITRARY AGENCY." MANAGER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOME SORT OF PRE-INSPECTION IN PANAMA COULD BE ARRANGED IN THE FUTURE.

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2. EMBASSY WILL FURTHER ADVISE AS SITUATION DEVELOPS.

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